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Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers - Filing Date Granted dated February 22, 2002 (copy enclosed), enclosed are four sheets of drawings for filing in the above-identified application. Accordingly, all the missing parts of the application have been filed and no further action is required.

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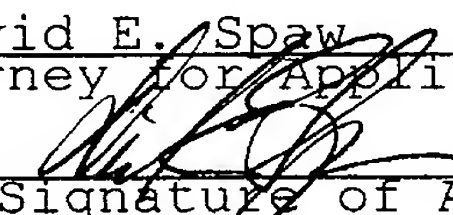
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This application has been accorded an Application Number and Filing Date. The application, however, is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - Drawings must be reasonably free from erasures and must be free from alterations, overwritings, interlineations, folds, and copy marks.

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